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LA SAVATE IN ZAT PAREE? NON!! ZE PRIZE FIGHT

Fighting Game Has Found Favor in
in That Dear Paris, and English Pugs
Are Rushing to the New Goldfields.



The English think that O'Keefe can trim anything of his weight in the world.

A short time ago O'Keefe knocked out Charlie Allen, another English fighter, in seven rounds, at a Parisian fight. Baron Rothschild was among the spectators, and he was so struck with O'Keefe's performance that he asked him to go on for four rounds more in an exhibition, and then to take on another four rounds in a real fight.

O'Keefe accommodated the Baron. His fighting made a hit. After the show Baron Rothschild sent for O'Keefe and asked him if he would be willing to fight Kid McCoy for a purse of \$5,000, the battle to take place on June 15, the date of the Grand Prix. This is about a week and a half after the English Derby, which comes off on June 5. O'Keefe jumped at the offer.

But the Baron has not as yet asked McCoy. If I know anything about the latter he will make a pretty snicker at the idea of fighting for a \$5,000 purse, and offer to shake the Baron for the amount, one throw out of the box. But you can't always count on McCoy. If he happens to be in Paris about that time he may take O'Keefe on just for the fun of it.

It is lucky for the English fighters that they have a new fight town to fall back upon, after Palmer's showing here against Jack-Twin Sullivan. English fighting has suffered a severe drop. Even if the English pugilists came over here now he could not get anything better than a preliminary. One English fighter who is contemplating an invasion is Johnny Summers, who is said to be as clever as Charlie Mitchell in his prime. That's going some in the way of a claim. Mitchell was a wonder.

It is what Harry Foley, manager of Joe Thomas, has to say about the willingness of the new winner to fight everything on earth. Thomas seems to be the one fighter who hasn't learned how to side a step. Philadelphia, March 23. In reading to-day's World I see where Willie Lewis is ready to box Joe Thomas at 20 pounds, and I also see where Sullivan is ready to box him. I have \$1,000 posted for Thomas to meet Tommy Ryan, and I will let him box Joe at 15 pounds (ringing) if I certainly will let Lewis and Burke do the same weight.

As Lewis has come out with a dead end I am ready to let Thomas meet him and will go to New York Friday morning.

HART HAS THE 'LEMON' MANIA

MARVIN HART, the heavyweight pugilist is another fighter who has got the mania of picking out "lemons." He has picked out Peter Maher for his next opponent, and the pair will come together in a twenty-four round bout at a show to be brought off by the Wellington Park A. C. of Hot Springs, on the night of April 9. They are to battle at catch weights for 40 per cent. of the gross receipts.

The only time that Hart has won over a long time was with his mother-in-law, whom he allowed to put out during an altercation at New Orleans a few months ago. Last night, therefore, should have no trouble in putting Peter away in a few rounds.

Tough One for Baldwin. Matt Baldwin, the New England light middleweight, who has been doing such a fighting in the squared circle, will be matched in his next fight at 125 lbs. in a six-round bout before Eddie Moran, manager of Murphy, is anxious to have the fight for the title of champion of the world. The contest will be a real one, as both are real fighters.

Langford to Box Smith. In a letter received from Sam Langford, the colored welter-weight, who is at present in England, Sam says that he is matched for a fight for twenty rounds by a white National Sporting Club, of London, on June 15 for a purse of \$1,000 and a

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WHEN GAY PAREE BECOMES THE 'FRISCO OF EUROPE.



Boxing is being taken up in French society. A CHANCE FOR BONI.

MURPHY WINS IN SECOND ROUND

Baltimore, March 27. WITH a left swing to the jaw in the second round, Tommy Murphy sent Kid Sullivan down for the full count, and was awarded the decision by Referee Crowhurst. Al Herford entered a vigorous protest against the decision, but later withdrew it. Sullivan went down in the second round, but he was taking his time about getting up. At the count of nine he started to rise, but was still on his knees when Crowhurst counted ten. This resulted in the decision in favor of Murphy.

A good crowd filled the house to see the fight, and after six lively preliminaries the fans were wildly rooting for the stars in the main event. Murphy and Sullivan both entered the ring looking confident, and from the first looking matter in the lightening style. The first round was pretty even, both men mixing it thoroughly. Each seemed anxious to end the fight by a knockout, and many vicious blows were exchanged.

Shortly after the beginning of the second round, Murphy landed a vicious swing squarely on Sullivan's jaw. The latter went to the floor and lay still. Sullivan went down in the second round, but he was taking his time about getting up. At the count of nine he started to rise, but was still on his knees when Crowhurst counted ten. This resulted in the decision in favor of Murphy.

Baron Rothschild's magnificent offer of a \$5,000 purse won't hit McCoy very hard.

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